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FOR BROWN FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

1. I TEND TO AGREE WITH YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION WE FACE (BEIRUT 2905). WE WILL BE PRESSING GOVERNMENTS THAT MAY HAVE SOME CLOUT WITH THE LEFT IN LEBANON TO SIT ON JUMBLATT AND ARAFAT, WHO SEEM TO BE THE KEYS TO MAINTAINING THE CEASEFIRE.

2. I WANT FROM YOU AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR TALKS AS THOROUGH A PICTURE OF THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE THERE AS YOU CAN GIVE ME.

3. FURTHER TO MY MESSAGE TO YOU OF YESTERDAY, WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT WAYS THE LEBANESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT-- WHEN THERE IS ONE--CAN ASSEMBLE ENOUGH FORCE TO ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY DURING THE CRITICAL PERIOD OF DEVELOPING AN AGREED

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